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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MAY 28, 2002 OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued May 28, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the May 28, 2002 Office Action was due August 28, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the May 28, 2002 Office Action. The fee for a two-month extension of time for a small entity is TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) and a check in this amount is enclosed. With a two-month extension of time, a response to the May 28, 2002 Office Action is due October 28, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, please delete the paragraph starting on line 7 and